

**TOWN OF SHEFFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OCTOBER 14, 2014
DOWNSTAIRS MEETING ROOM
7:00 PM**

Board Members Present: Don Ward, Chairman
Howard Chezar
Cheryl Blackburn
James Collingwood, Sr.
Peter Stiglin

Others Present: Jill Hughes, Clerk
Members of the public (see sign in sheet)

Chairman Don Ward called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Public Hearing Notice of Intent application from Bayer Material Science LLC, for property on 119 Salisbury Road. The proposed project is the installation of new waterline to supply new pump house and new storage tank. Water will be utilized in new sprinkler system once installed.

Chairman Ward, H. Chezar and C. Blackburn conducted a site visit with Bayer prior to the meeting. Jeff Randall from Hill Engineers explained that the proposed project was for fire protection and that the pressure from the water main located on the road is quite low. Construction would start in the spring and they expect the site work to take two to three months to complete. H. Chezar asked when they start digging the trench for the new water line where would the asphalt and any digging material go. Mr. Randall explained that asphalt would be trucked off site, but the dirt may be reused. The plan is that as the pipe is laid they would fill the trench in as they go and not leave it open. Bayer plans to remain open and fully operational during the construction. The Commission inquired about the fire pond located on the property and if the Fire Department would be able hook up to the tank. Bayer explained that there is not enough water in the pond for the sprinkler system and that there is a hydrant at the pond, but the Fire Department cannot hook into it. The tank is intended only for the sprinkler system. Bayer will research the matter further.

P. Stiglin asked about the life expectancy of the tank that will be installed. Bayer responded that they are not sure, but would expect 40-50 years and the tank would be made of steel. The Commission stated their concerns if the water tank burst and flooded into the wetlands. A discussion ensued about having information about the type of water tank and more detailed plans. Mr. Randall said that they are still in the planning stages of the project, but they would provide the Commission with more detailed plans once they are completed.

H. Chezar motioned, with a second from C. Blackburn to close the public hearing for the Notice of Intent for Bayer Material Science LLC. The motion passed 5-0.

The Commission had a discussion about the proposed work. *H. Chezar motioned, with a second from C. Blackburn to approve the Notice of Intent for Bayer Material Science LLC with the following Special Conditions:*

1. *Straw waddles to be put in place.*
2. *Commission to be notified once silt fence is installed and prior to the start of work.*
3. *Commission to be notified a few days before digging at the site begins.*
4. *Commission to be notified when the work is completed.*
5. *Display file number.*
6. *Commission to be notified once Bayer has information about the tank that will be installed.*

The motion passed 5-0.

Public Hearing Notice of Intent application from Kenneth Westlake, for property on North Main Street (Route 7). The proposed project consists of a 150kw photovoltaic ground mounted solar array.

Chairman Ward explained that the Commission had received a request to continue the hearing until October 27, 2014 because the applicant was unable to attend. The Commission discussed notifying the applicant to be sure he has answered the questions from MassDEP in a letter dated September 9, 2014 and that the Commission will conduct a site visit at 5pm on October 27, 2014. *C. Blackburn motioned, with a second from H. Chezar to accept the applicant's request and continue the hearing to the October 27, 2014 meeting. The motion passed 5-0.*

Minutes:

The Commission reviewed draft minutes from their September 8, 2014 meeting. *H. Chezar motioned, with a second from P. Stiglin to accept the minutes of September 8, 2014 as written. The motion passed 5-0.*

Upcoming Conferences and Mail: The Commission reviewed a Forest Cutting Plan for Curtiss on Guilder Hollow Road and a discussion ensued. The secretary will contact Ms. Curtiss to be sure the paperwork was sent to DCR. The Commission reviewed an email regarding the Weatogue Road invasive species report.

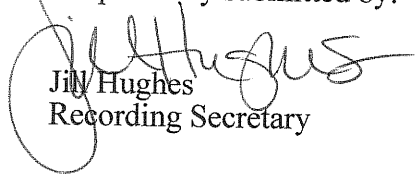
Bills Pending: The Commission approved and signed a bill from the Berkshire Record for the legal notice for public hearings.

Adjournment: There being no further business before the Commission this evening, *H. Chezar motioned, with a second from P. Stiglin to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 5-0.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

The following documents were reviewed during the Board's meeting and have been retained as required by the Massachusetts Public Retention Policy: Meeting Agenda, Sign in sheet, Draft meeting minutes from 9/8/14, NOI application for Bayer Material Science, NOI application for Kenneth Westlake, Forest Cutting Plan for Curtiss, Email re: Weatogue Road.

Respectively submitted by:



Jill Hughes
Recording Secretary